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TAGS: EAGR, EAID, KS

SUBJECT: KOREAN ATTITUDE TOWARD PL 480

1. FOLLOWING AN INFORMAL TALK TO THE MEMBERS OF A SCHOLAR DIPLOMAT SEMINAR BEING HELD IN EA THIS WEEK, AMBASSADOR KIM YONG SHIK TOOK QUESTIONS ON US-KOREA RELATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE PENDING SENSE OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION CONCERNING TESTIMONY BY FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO, AMBASSADOR KIM NOTED THAT THE MAIN ASSISTANCE COVERED BY THE RESOLUTION IS \$56 MILLION IN PL 480. HE SAID THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS LONG TERM CREDIT THAT KOREA PURCHASES VIRTUALLY ALL OF ITS ANNUAL BILLION DOLLAR IMPORT REQUIREMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE UNITED STATES. WITHOUT THIS CREDIT, HE ASSERTED, THE IMPORT PATTERN WOULD BE DIFFERENT.

2. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT A HIGH RANKING KOREAN OFFICIAL HAS LINKED PL 480 AND COMMERCIAL IMPORTS SO DIRECTLY IN PUBLIC.

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